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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yasutaka SATO
Title: MODEM DEVICE, DATA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, METHOD
OF AND DEVICE FOR PROTECTING DATA AND COMPUTER
PRODUCT
Appl. No.: 09/924,585
Filing Date: 08/09/2001
Examiner: Kevin R. Schubert
Art Unit: 2137

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2006, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, Claims 1-4, 7, 13, 15-20, 26, 35-37, and 39-40, drawn to a "data protection processing device that encrypts a bit stream for a protection of data security" in a communication system, classified in 380/255 (Cryptography: Communication System Using Cryptography). Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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